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In re the application of:

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Examiner: PLUTA, L.

For: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM, IC CARD TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE IC CARD SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 16, 1999

Sir:

This response responds to the Office Action dated May 14, 1999 (Paper No. 5). Concurrently filed with this amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time for a one-month period and a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes. Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 73, line 1, change "e" to --be--.

REMARKS

This response responds to the Office Action dated April 14, 1999 in which the Examiner rejected claims 8, 10 and 12 under 35 USC §102(b) and rejected claims 1-7, 9 and 11 under 35 USC §103.

Concurrently filed with this amendment is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes to correct an informality in Figure 32. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner approves the correction.

Claims 8, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida (U.S. Patent No. 4,736,094).

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